

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Desai:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, mailed July 26, 2004, the Applicants respectfully elect without traverse **Invention I**, claim 1, drawn to a compound of formula A, wherein R₁ is aryl; R₂ is RO-alkyl, R₂N-alkyl, RS-alkyl, R₂N-cycloalkyl or RS-cycloalkyl; R₃ and R₄ are H, alkyl, F or -OR; and R₅ is a phenyl or thiophene.


Nevertheless, the Applicants respectfully assert that simultaneous examination of Invention I and Invention V would not place an undue burden on the Examiner because the Inventions are related as they share the structural features, differing in the nature of the substituent at R₃ and R₄. See MPEP § 803 ("If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the [E]xaminer must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions."). Therefore, the

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner modify the instant Restriction Requirement, examining Inventions I and V, i.e., all claims wherein R₁ is aryl; R₂ is RO-alkyl, R₂N-alkyl, RS-alkyl, R₂N-cycloalkyl or RS-cycloalkyl; R₃ and R₄ are H, alkyl, F -OR, *heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl*; and R₅ is a phenyl or thiophene.

Fees

The Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this Response to our Deposit Account, No. 06-1448.

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